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# USDA CLUB



# News

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## LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN FOOD STAMP PROGRAM EXPANSION

What's the best way to put America's farm abundance -- some call it surplus -- to work?

That challenge is important to every person in the country. It's especially important to John J. Slaughter, Southwest Area Director, and his Food Distribution Division staff in Dallas. It's part of U.S.D.A.'s Agricultural Marketing Service.

When the Gulf Coast was ravaged by Hurricane Carla, just a year ago, Slaughter and his crew helped relieve human suffering by making sure U.S.D.A.-donated foods were available for hurricane victims.

And when tornadoes ravaged Cameron, Louisiana, on August 29, U.S.D.A.-donated food was made available, at once, in the emergency.

That's one phase of America's farm abundance at work, in the interest of human welfare. Other phases include the popular National School Lunch Program, that helps 14 million school children get hot lunches; the Plentiful Foods Program, that encourages consumers to make full use of foods in temporary excessive supply; the Special Milk Program, that helps school children and campers drink all the wholesome milk their bodies need; and the Direct Distribution Program, that provides surplus and other foods for the hungry in family groups and institutions.

Now, there's something new. It's the Pilot Food Stamp Program, an effort to find a better way to make use of our farm abundance.

It was started in 1961, in 8 test areas of the country. One of these was in San Miguel County, New Mexico, under Dallas FDD jurisdiction. Now, the program is being proposed for expansion to 25 additional areas, including 3 counties in the Southwest -- in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

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Tom Kline, of Slaughter's staff, heads up the Food Stamp Program trials in this area.

This program, which utilizes normal channels of trade, enables families with low incomes to exchange the amount of money they normally would spend on food for stamp coupons of higher monetary value. The family then can use the coupons to buy food at prevailing retail prices at authorized regular retail stores.

Grocers redeem the coupons through participating commercial banks, which in turn are reimbursed by U.S.D.A. through the Federal Reserve System.

In effect, the program increases the food purchasing ability of needy families, enabling them to consume, in particular, more meat, poultry, milk, fruits and vegetables.

The Food Stamp Plan is administered in a manner similar to the Direct Distribution Program -- State Agencies are responsible for determining which families are eligible to purchase the coupons, for certifying the eligibility of recipients, and for getting the stamp coupons to these needy families. AMS directly authorizes retailers and wholesalers for program participation, and gives national supervision and guidance to the program.

Research studies made in the 8 pilot areas show that participating families have been receiving better diets under the Food Stamp Program. In addition, retail food store sales in these areas increased 8 per cent in dollar value, with savings in distribution costs, and benefits to the economies of the food stamp communities.

AMS also cooperates with nutrition education agencies within the states to help participating families make the most of their added food purchasing power.

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#### GOOD NEWS

I Dreamed Death Came The Other Night, And Heaven's Gate Swung Wide;  
With Kindly Grace An Angel Ushered Me Inside.  
And There To My Astonishment Stood Folks I'd Known On Earth---  
Some I'd Judged And Labeled As "Unfit", Or "Little Worth."  
Indignant Words Rose To My Lips, But Never Were Set Free,  
For Every Face Showed Stunned Surprise---  
No One Expected Me!

-Unknown

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## ASCS NEWS BITS

Traffic has been missing Lucy Lanter since her car accident in which she received a badly sprained ankle.

We are very happy to have Mary Nell Barnes with us. Welcome to S.M. and hope you like us as well as we like you.

Sandra "Sandy" Thomas, DPO, went nowhere and did nothing on her vacation.

Mrs. Cordelia Kirkpatrick, (COD) while on vacation, visited Mr. & Mrs. Jean Zeller in Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. Zeller was Chief of Grain Staff here before his retirement.

Opal Hass, TMD, has accepted a position with D.T.M.S. Service of U. S. Engineers. We are so sorry to see her leave; but happy for her in her nice promotion.

Everyone in Storage Management enjoyed the Salt Water Taffy Mary Draper brought back from her three weeks' vacation in Delaware. She had a wonderful time.

Sallie Lou Benton, COD, left us August 30.

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An unexpected inheritance uplifts the heart, and very often, the nose.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO B.W. & FAMILY

Bill Williams' family are the recent, happy possessors of a sporty, well broken in 2-door Corvair which is, if I recall correctly, "bilious green."

One of our most reliable rumor informants told me that Mrs. Williams is very well pleased with the Corvair and wants a new one\* in trade for:

1. Her other car
2. A very fine antique chair
3. Lovely Saint Bernard Dog
4. Husband

\*must have power shift

-Submitted by: Grady Huffman  
C&C, ASCS

## RECEIVED FROM COTTON DIVISION

(Want Ad.)\*

If interested in one or two cute kittens (tiger stripe, one long haired), come by 4415 San Jacinto.  
Mildred W. Howell  
(\*Rather "Don't Want" Ad.)

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## SAFETY SIDE LINES

Have you ever filed a Form CA-1? Let's hope you have not and never do! Form CA-1 is your notice of on-the-job injury.

A survey of Dallas USDA Offices

revealed that most of us worked safely last month. Only minor accidents occurred such as those described below:

ASCS Commodity Office, DPD:  
"While operating a Collator Machine, a card jam occurred. As I was reaching in the machine and pulling out torn cards, I struck my thumb against a sharp machine part."

ASCS Commodity Office, TMD:  
"While writing, I dropped my pencil. Caught pencil at wrong angle; stuck point of pencil into palm of my right hand."

Though these required only first aid, any accident can result in serious injury. Guard against accidents at all times. Your work is only as safe as you make it!

Watch this column each month for a report on causes of accidents.

-Jean Morgan, R. N.

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## ASCS NEWS BITS

With great sympathy we regret to report the death of Bill Yeager's mother, who passed away while Mr. Yeager was on vacation.

Ronald Crain (COD) is a proud new home owner located at 4324 Chestnut in Mesquite.

## ASCS SOCIETY NEWS

### Fowler - Banks Exchange Vows

Miss Pat Banks and Kenneth Fowler were married in a Sept. 1 ceremony at the First Methodist Church Chapel.

For his wedding the groom chose knee-length white coveralls with bone buttons and a fitted bodice. He wore a soup-colored tie and a white expression with green shadings. His accessories included fawn-colored combat boots with sunset laces. His flowers were Touch-Me-Nots.



MR. KENNETH FOWLER  
formerly Ken "Top Cat" Fowler

The otherwise perfect wedding was marred only by the fact that the rice was cooked, as will be the Society Editor's goose when "Top Cat" Fowler reads this.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Colorado and are now living at 2202 N. Fitzhugh.

Mr. Fowler is a button pusher in DPD--He helps push the button which starts the computer.

### ASCS NEWS BITS

News Flash - DPD  
The illustrious (?) editor of this illustrious newspaper (?) forgot to mention that he (and his family) had been on vacation. The Callans enjoyed a relaxed week touring the southwest, especially in the vicinity of Carlsbad Caverns. Josh reported seeing the famous swarming bats of Carlsbad (I really think he was looking at his own belfry). Son, Craig, and wife, Dottie had a good time despite the fact that Josh was along.

Nancy G. Bloom (Operations Sec.) is moving to Ohio September 14.

NEW INSIGNIA FOR USDA CLUBS



Pictured above is the new USDA Club insignia.

The bars of the seal represent the six objectives of the USDA Clubs which are:

1. Stimulate and increase knowledge of the work of the Department among employees.
2. Assist through personal contact in the interpretation to the Public of the Department's service.
3. Provide a channel permitting the Department's many activities to be informally correlated for the best possible service to the Public.
4. Stimulate training and education among employees.

5. Develop personal acquaintances among employees, in each area.

6. Promote employee welfare.

ASCS NEWS BITS

Tom Stovall, computer operator in DPD, is leaving Friday, September 14, to work for Chance Vought Corp.



Tom Stovall

Ken King and wife (COD) vacationed in New Mexico.

P. M. Miller, COD, enjoyed a long vacation which included a visit to the World's Fair.

Mary Anne Bell and Janet C. Lewis (DPD) are returning to college September 17.

## TO YOUR HEALTH

Public health officials report the probability of Asian influenza epidemics during this winter season. Many of you have taken or plan to take the flu vaccine. The polyvalent vaccine, which we are giving, contains protection against influenza virus, types A, B, and the Asian strain.

Many questions have been asked regarding the dosage. We are giving a single injection of the vaccine to those previously immunized, as recommended by the U. S. Public Health Service. For those who did not take the vaccine last year, a series of two doses is offered.

If your physician recommends otherwise, you should follow his advice. The dosage is a matter of medical opinion or preference. It is our policy to follow recommendations by Public Health Service.

Influenza vaccine is particularly recommended for persons over 45 years of age and those suffering from chronic debilitating diseases, such as heart or lung disorders. If you have any doubt about taking the vaccine, consult your physician for advice.

There may be a shortage of vaccine again this year. Probably due to new reports, more people are taking the vaccine. We hope

to have sufficient vaccine, though it may be necessary to limit second injections. Also, it may not be possible to provide vaccine for those requesting it after September 10.

Keep this in mind: Whether you take the vaccine or not, health care is still needed as a defense against the flu viruses. The vaccine is not 100% effective and body resistance is very important. Build up your resistance by eating properly, including fresh fruits and vegetables daily. Avoid fatigue which can lower your resistance.

Do not continue working if you feel feverish, have a sore throat, cough, or other signs of flu. Prevent exposing others and avoid more serious illness for yourself.

**WATCH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS WHERE THE SABIN POLIO VACCINE WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN. DO NOT MISS THIS SECOND DOSE!**

-Jean Morgan, R.N.

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Employer: "You're asking for high wages for a man with no experience."

Applicant: "Yes, sir, but you see it's much harder to handle a job when you don't know anything about it."

## ASCS NEWS BITS

The many friends of Danny DiMieri will be interested to know that he is recuperating from his recent operation. Mrs. DiMieri reports that he is eating well and that his spirit is good. Mrs. DiMieri has asked us to express their heartfelt thanks for the many gifts and messages of encouragement and cheer which they have received.



Danny DiMieri - Convalescing

Evelyn Chapell, in the Collections Unit, enjoyed the leisure of absenting herself from Uncle Sam's money for a whole week. We understand she spent the time staying at home and getting fat and sassy. From all reports in

the Cash Receipts Group, Evelyn is welcome back with open arms.

Lena Hollingsworth, Fiscal Division, vacationed in Arkansas.

Harold Newman, in Disbursements, has been on two weeks' vacation leave. He and Betty hit the wide open spaces for points north, sans Buttons and Beau, their cute little miniature dachshunds.

A blessed event (double) came to the Wylie A. Parker, Jr. family, (FI) August 18 -- twin boys named Mark Alan and Stephen Christopher. Mother came through beautifully, and Wylie "Came through" with cigars and candy. Needless to say the surprise caught the Parkers with only enough apparel for one, but friends have come to the rescue and mother and children are now home in fine conditions. This makes six -- congratulations to the Parkers!

Bobbie Santerre (FI) and husband, Cliff, vacationed in Houston. While there they visited Dan and Mildred DiMieri.

Asa Douglas, C & C, FI, is back from two weeks' vacation. We understand he had lots of fun getting that new home and grounds in tip top shape.

The Offices of the Dallas USDA Federal Credit Union extend to you an invitation to become an active member. A small amount deposited in your share account each month will grow into a nice savings as all deposits received in the share account prior to the 5th day of each month draw dividends beginning at the first of that month.

If you are interested in buying a new car, the Credit Committee can give you fleet prices on both 1962 and 1963 models. Contact any member of the Credit Committee and they will refer you to the salesman for the respective agencies that give these discounts.

The Credit Union is operated on a sound business basis, and if you have a son or daughter you are intending to send to college, no better way could be had to provide the funds and to establish a savings account than the Credit Union.

Each employee of the Department of Agriculture, with their payroll in the city of Dallas, is eligible to become a member of the Credit Union. The Credit Union Office is open each day of the work week during the hours posted on the door of the office. Mrs. Buchanan, the Assistant Treasurer, will be glad to accept your application for membership and explain any detail that you might desire concerning the savings and loan accounts.

-Rector Meyer

### C. H. MOSELEY PRESENTS AWARDS TO ASCS EMPLOYEES

Sixty employees of the Dallas Commodity Office recently were singled out by C. H. Moseley, director, for length-of-service recognition, special service citations and cash awards totaling \$1,570.

He presented 40 employees with length-of-service awards and 20 employees with certificates of merit, appreciation and cash awards.

In the length-of-service awards, Mrs. Grace C. Griffin was cited for 30 years of service, 19 employees for 20 years and 20 for 10 years, a total of 610 man years of federal government service.

Names of those receiving longevity awards, in addition to Mrs. Griffin, were:

20 years, A. I. Eads, A. E. Ferguson, J. A. Wright, Clara Mae Cannefax, Esther Lynn, Eloise Brown, Lloyd Erwin, E. W. Winton, Harry Gilliam, Birdie Ferber, Daniel DiMieri, Glenn Hass, Gay Wester, Thomas Hall, Oliver Hendrix, Carroll Davis, Jessie McCrum, Marie Rheinlander and Bernice Keay.

10 years, Charles Milstead, Carlton Hill, Ray Hays, Rex McDaniel, George Redwine, H. C. Wright, George Shadwick, Joan Goodwin, Alta McEver, Lenore Harris, Donna Daugherty, Agnes Nolen, Texie West, Naomi Broyles, Jacqueline White, Roscoe Lead-

better, Alta MacNider, Janie Hatley, Pansy Libby and Margarette Bloom.

Each received lapel pins and certificates signed by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Certificates of merit and appreciation and cash awards were made as follows:

\$200 each, W. M. Dowlen and Tom Daniel; \$150 each, Josh Callan, Lena Terry, Leonard White and Mary Puckett.

\$100, Minnie Francis; \$75, Lora Reagan; \$65, Martha Chamberlain; \$60, Carroll McCutcheon; \$50, Mildred Monday; \$40, Joy Smith; \$35, Joe Chambers; \$30, Lena Ray Ward; \$25 each, Pauline Croslin and Margaret Crozier; \$20, Patsy Welch; and \$15 each, Marie Garrison, E. W. Winton and Marvis Dawson.



Mrs. Grace C. Griffin  
30 Years Service

## ASCS NEWS BITS

Arlene Hurtig, (COD) the Mississippi Flash, is back from vacation at last.

Russell Willsey (DPD) is leaving ASCS to work for Food Distribution. This should be a warning to housewives to stock up as we probably won't be able to find food in a few months.



Russell Willsey

Betty Webb is back at work after an operation. We certainly did miss her. (COD)

Jewel Campbell, COD, has just returned from two weeks' vacation in Arkansas.

Best wishes and good luck to Ben Shelton, DPO, who is leaving us September 21.

Mariam Bruce took a week off and attended a family reunion at Brownwood, Texas. The immediate family contains approximately 90 people which does not include cousins. (COD)

Tom Meyer (DPD) and wife, Jeri, spent Labor Day Weekend in New Orleans.

F. W. Bleasie (COD) is sporting a picture of his granddaughter.

Charlotte Evans (former DPDer) and Tom Evans are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 14 oz. baby boy. This is their first and he is a Junior of course.

Ronnie Wilson (COD) and family went to Memphis, Tennessee on his vacation.

Mr. James York started his vacation to Las Vegas, Nevada. Hope he doesn't end up like the man who went to Las Vegas in a \$6,000 Cadillac and came back in a \$45,000 Greyhound Bus. (SM)

Grace Griffin, COD, is back with us after being in the hospital.

### PERSONNEL MERRY-GO-ROUND

Juanita Buck has been bragging that she, Ted and Tiki caught more trout than they could eat while vacationing in Colorado. It seems strange to us that just after a vacation and being elected President of the Cheer Club, J. Buck is leaving for Las Vegas the 19th. We hope she has good luck at the wheels. Margie, can't you go too? Carroll McCutcheon is sporting a Guilietta Spider - Alpha Romeo. He tells us in English this means a black convertible with red interior. Free rides available on request. Please make your appointment early. Katy Allison enjoyed a trip to Georgia to visit her Sister, Brother and families. Zee Higdon has returned from a vacation to San Antonio, with a quick side trip to Brownsville and Matamoros. Howard Allison spent his vacation fishing on the Gulf Coast.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO COMMODITY OFFICE: Brenda Blyton, CO; Don Angell, SMD; Joe Bob Price, SMD. RECENT PROMOTIONS: Charles Keatts, DP; Bill Hutson, CO; John Troy, SM; Tom Crabtree, DP; Joe Chambers, TM; Jim Wood, SM; Donna Cole, FI; Margaret Hasten, DAC. RECENT GOOD-BYES: Carolyn Christina, SM; Frances Billings, DAC; Don Teague, DAC; Ronald Henley, DAC; Jimmy Rhodes, DAC; Lynn Norris, DAC; Elnora Leisse, DAC; Nadine Duncan (Retirement), FI; Linda Estridge, TM; Mary Lomonaco, TM; Margaret Crozier (Retirement), FI; Anna Maggart, FI; Dorothy Whitsitt, FI; Luke Adams, TM; Marie Minnear, TM; Sammey Calcote, TM; Marjorie Hamm (Houston), CO; Bonnie Miller, DP; Helen Kells, DAC; Mary Schaale, DAC; Aileen Linam, TM; Ruth Egner, CO; Eleanor Bull, CO; Annette Inmon, GO; Kathy Osthoff, CO; Alice Williams, DP; Emma Gandy, TM; Doug Tilghman, FI; Charles Melton, GO. CONGRATULATIONS to Gail Zuspann Alford on her marriage August 27. That's really going from one end of the alphabet to the other.

To follow up on my EXCITING? news of last paper on my puppy Sydni, would anyone be interested in a precious half (I know, "which half"?) Toy Fox Terrier? Her only faults are a little chewing here and there, (sorry about the book, Bill) and the other normal things puppies do. (and how!) I only got her so I could join in the cute conversations about "Tiki" Buck and "Peanuts" Haynes. Woe is me. Good Bye until next month.

by pat copeland

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## NEWS FROM FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thomas J. Kline recently received an award for Sustained Superior Performance in carrying out the duties under the Pilot Food Stamp Program in New Mexico. Mr. Kline is a veteran employee with many years of experience in Agriculture. Our congratulations go to Tom.



Thomas J. Kline

## ASCS NEWS BITS

Truman Hembree and wife, Sue, are now Cliffites. New home at 3031 Shadow-Wood.

Eleanor Bull has a new job working with G. S. A.

Kathy Osthoff and Ruth Ann Egner are returning to college after spending the summer working in C.O.D.

Katherine Wisaly is on a 3 weeks vacation to California.

Steve Rodgers sold his home in Mesquite. Now an apartment dweller at 6009½ Tremont Street in Dallas.

Harland Wright spent his vacation working on his camp house at Lake Rockwall. (COD)

Arlene Martin is a new face to Commodity Operations.

Asa Douglas is back from two weeks' vacation. We understand he had lots of fun getting that new home and grounds in tip top shape.

Truman Hembree (FI) and wife Sue, who recently moved into their new home at 3031 Shadow Wood, were more than surprised (flabbergasted) with a house warming on Tuesday night, Sept. 11, by ASCS friends and their families. The Hembrees were recipients of a pair of red (no less) socks stuffed with dollar bills. Truman's statement: "First envelope I've missed in 10 years with Agriculture."

DALLAS DAY KEYS NOW ON SALE

Dallas Day at the State Fair will be Wednesday, October 10, and Dallas Day Keys are now available and may be purchased from Billy Howell (FI, ASCS).

Keys Cost \$1.00 and entitle you to:

1. Admission to Fair Grounds.
2. All Rides 15¢.
3. All Midway Shows  $\frac{1}{2}$  Price.
4. Chance on '63 Pontiac Tempest.  
(Must be present to Win).
5. Fireworks Show and Gil Grey Circus  
after Drawing.
6. \$1.00 Discount to Ice Capades.
7. \$1.00 Discount to State Fair Musical.

Last year Grady Huffman (C&C, ASCS) won a Valiant in the drawing.

When contacted concerning a key this year, Grady said, "Yes" and then wrinkled his nose, looked out the window, and grumbled:

"But y'know, it'll be just my luck not to ever win a new car again in my life."

SUBMIT A SUGGESTION

OPPORTUNITIES ARE UNLIMITED

Your ideas need not be new, bring about radical changes, or even save money to qualify for an award. The test is, will your idea improve operations.

Many outstanding ideas have come from employees who began by considering ways of doing their own job better!!

1. You can earn awards for beneficial suggestions or superior accomplishments.
2. Awards may be cash or honorary, or both.
3. You can win cash awards for contributions of intangible value as well as for those which result in measurable dollar savings.
4. You can be awarded for doing your assigned work better than required for accomplishments which involve unusual difficulties.
5. You can win an award on your own or as a member of a group.

You will find a welcome in your organization for any suggestions that promise real improvements--that save time, materials, or manpower; improve housekeeping and working conditions.

THE CHALLENGE AND THE OPPORTUNITY  
ARE YOURS!!!

ASCS NEWS BITS

Charles Smith of TMD leaves October 1 to accept a position with the Bureau of Labor-Management Reports.

The Warehouse Examiners will be in the Office for a two day meeting Monday, September 17th and 18th.

Alvin Bruce, DPO, has returned from his vacation. He spent his vacation in California and reported having a good time.

The reason Hermin Mindlin has been groping around like he forgot his white cane, is his new glasses.

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DAYS AT  
SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

This is a reminder to Federal Employees interested in going to Six Flags Over Texas to BUY TICKETS NOW! Tickets not sold by September 27 must be turned in.

DAY: Saturday, September 29  
Sunday , September 30

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

PRICE: \$2.00 each ticket -  
Children or Adult (A  
savings of 25¢ on children's  
tickets and 75¢ on  
adult tickets.)

See your T & A Clerk now for  
tickets.

thats all folks